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Memo from Public Works dated February 12, 2012

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Memo from Public Works dated August 21, 2014



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August 1, 2005

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Director of Public Works

STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON LANDFILL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, BOARD MOTION, SYNOPSIS 5

On September 30, 2003, your Board instructed Public Works to take the necessary steps to remove Elsmere Canyon from the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element's list of future landfill sites and to report back every 60 days. This report covers the period from June 1, 2005, through July 31, 2005.

We are continuing to work with the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force to revise the Countywide Siting Element. The revised Countywide Siting Element will be forwarded to cities and other stakeholders for comment and ultimately submitted to your Board for approval. Public Works is moving forward in the process of amending the Countywide Siting Element which involves numerous statutory and regulatory requirements and is expected to be completed in late 2006 or early 2007. Upon completion, the Countywide Siting Element will be forwarded to cities and other stakeholders for review and comment before being submitted to your Board for approval.

We will submit the next status report in October 2005. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Fred M. Rubin, Assistant Deputy Director, Environmental Programs Division, at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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We continue to work with the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force in revising the Countywide Siting Element. Upon completion of the revision process, the revised Siting Element and its environmental impact document will undergo a review and approval process in compliance with numerous statutory and regulatory requirements. This includes review and approval by cities, your Board, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The entire process is expected to be completed in 2009.

We will submit the next status report in April 2008. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Fred Rubin at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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December 9, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
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We will submit the next status report in February 2010. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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We will submit the next status report in April 2010. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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August 23, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON LANDFILL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, BOARD MOTION, SYNOPSIS 5

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As part of the process in revising the Siting Element, we continued coordination with the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force). The Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee of the Task Force completed their review of the preliminary draft of the Siting Element during the Spring of 2010. Upon completion of technical reviews by Public Works, the revised Siting Element will be considered by the Task Force after which the revised Siting Element and its environmental impact documents will undergo additional reviews in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, including approvals by cities, your Board, and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The entire process is expected to be completed in 2013.

Each Supervisor
August 23, 2010
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As discussed with your staff, as well as with the City of Santa Clarita and State Senator George Runner's office, the reporting frequency is being changed from every 60 days to semi annually considering the duration of this revision process. Accordingly, our next status report will be submitted to your Board in February 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano of Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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February 22, 2011

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FROM: *Gail Farber*
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On November 30, 2010, your Board approved a revised plan of expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate \$750,000 of specified project funds allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 from the cancelled Placerita Canyon Acquisition Project, through an assignment of the right to apply for those funds to the City of Santa Clarita for the Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project. The project entails acquiring 842 acres of open space land in Elsmere Canyon east of State Highway 14 in the Newhall Pass and will preserve connections for wildlife movement and trail networks between San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

Also, on November 30, 2010, your Board authorized the Chief Executive Office to execute a funding agreement with the City of Santa Clarita for \$1,000,000 to partially reimburse the City towards the purchase of the 842 acres of privately-held land in Elsmere Canyon. Purchase of this land further diminishes the possibility of siting a new landfill in Elsmere Canyon.

Each Supervisor
February 22, 2011
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Public Works continues the revision of the Siting Element in coordination with the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), which includes removing Elsmere Canyon from the Siting Element's list of future landfill sites. Upon completion of technical reviews by Public Works, the revised Siting Element will be considered by the Task Force after which the revised Siting Element and its environmental documents will undergo additional reviews in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, including approvals by cities, your Board, and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

We will submit the next status report in August 2011. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano of Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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February 2, 2012

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FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, SYNOPSIS 5 STATUS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF ELSMERE CANYON LANDFILL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

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Public Works has prepared a Preliminary Draft Siting Element and has submitted it to the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) on January 19, 2012, for review and comment. Upon concurrence by the Subcommittee, the revised Siting Element will be submitted to the Task Force in April 2012. We anticipate the Task Force's review and concurrence with the document by the summer of 2012. Concurrently, we are working on the preparation of the associated environmental documents. We will continue to keep your Board apprised of the progress.

The Siting Element is a long-term solid waste planning and policy document that describes how the County, and the cities within the County, plan to manage the disposal of their solid waste for a 15-year planning period [as required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939)]. AB 939 also requires the Siting Element to establish goals, policies, and guidelines for the proper planning and siting of landfills, inert waste landfills, transformation (waste-to-energy) facilities, and alternatives to landfill technologies, such as conversion technologies on a Countywide basis.

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February 2, 2012
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We will submit the next status report in August 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Pat Proano of Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
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Since our last report dated January 31, 2013, Public Works submitted a recommendation to the Board to retain consultant services to prepare the environmental document, assist with public outreach, perform publication and dissemination, and provide technical support services for the preliminary draft Siting Element. On June 4, 2013, the Board awarded a consultant services agreement to Tetra Tech BAS, and a Notice to Proceed was issued on June 26, 2013. The preliminary draft Siting Element and environmental document are anticipated to be submitted to the Board for authorization to release for public review in mid-2014.

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February 6, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
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Since our last report dated August 19, 2013, a draft Initial Study was prepared for the Siting Element pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and is currently under review by Public Works. The draft Initial Study is anticipated to be released to the responsible agencies for review and comments within the next two months.

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Director of Public Works

At its meeting held September 30, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

"On May 27, 2003, the Board instructed the Director of Public Works to investigate the process for removing the Elsmere Canyon site from the Countywide Siting Element's list of future landfill sites. Elsmere Canyon is an environmentally sensitive area of magnificent natural beauty, a natural and cultural treasure worthy of protection for the enjoyment and use of future generations. Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc., the owner of the site, has indicated publicly its intent to donate a portion of the site to the County for use as open space.

"On June 24, 2003, the Director of Public Works reported back to the Board regarding its findings. Based on these findings, the most cost-efficient means of removing Elsmere Canyon from the Siting Element is during the five-year review of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan.

"As required by State law, the Department of Public Works is about to commence the five-year review of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan to determine if it needs to be updated to reflect current disposal and recycling conditions. Should the Board decide to remove Elsmere Canyon at a later date after the five-year review and revision process is completed, the removal could take two more years at an additional cost of up to \$500,000.

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"Moreover, I have recently been informed that Blind Canyon will need to be removed from the Siting Element at the time of the five-year review and revision of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan unless the site is made consistent with the County General Plan. Blind Canyon is located in the Santa Susana Mountains in the western part of the County in a significant ecological area. Furthermore, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy already has acquired most of the site for use as parkland. This site is also worthy of preservation and should be removed from the Siting Element."

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Antonovich and on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich being absent), the Director of Public Works was instructed to:

1. Take all necessary steps to remove Elsmere Canyon and Blind Canyon from the Countywide Siting Element's list of future landfill sites during the required five-year review of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan; and
2. Report back to the Board on the progress every 60 days.

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Since our last report dated February 6, 2014, an Initial Study and Notice of Preparation and a Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for the revised Siting Element were released on June 16, 2014, to responsible agencies. The comment period for the Initial Study ended on July 28, 2014. Public Works conducted six public scoping meetings during the weeks of July 14 and July 21, 2014, at various locations within the County. The Initial Study concluded that an Environmental Impact Report will be required. The next steps entail preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report to accompany the preliminary draft of the revised Siting Element, which are anticipated to be released for public review in early 2015.

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